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COUNTY OFFERS VARIETY OF SERVICES AT RABIES VACCINATION, MICROCHIPPING CLINIC IN CARLSBAD

The County Department of Animal Services will offer a low-cost rabies vaccination, dog licensing and microchipping clinic from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 12. The clinic will be held at the County's animal shelter at 2481 Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad.

"Get the shot, the license and the microchip, and pick up a coupon to spay or neuter your pet," said Dawn Danielson, director of County Animal Services.

There will be $25 coupons available to neuter male dogs, cats and rabbits and $50 coupons to spay female dogs, cats and rabbits. The coupons are only available for residents who live in our service area of the unincorporated county or the cities that contract with us, which include San Diego, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and Santee.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for $6. Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years.

With proof of a dog license, the Department will microchip dogs for a one-time fee of $20, which includes registration. There is no license requirement for cats, and the Department welcomes both rabbits and cats for microchipping as well.

A microchip is a small transponder, the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the skin and remains there for the life of the pet. Animal Services scans all stray animals it receives for a microchip. Staff is then able to locate the owner's information through the number on the microchip.

Owners who have failed to license their dog, or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse, will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the event.

While attending the event, dogs must be on a leash and cats and rabbits in a carrier while at the clinic. For more information, contact County Animal Services at (619) 767-2675 or visit www.sddac.com.   ###